



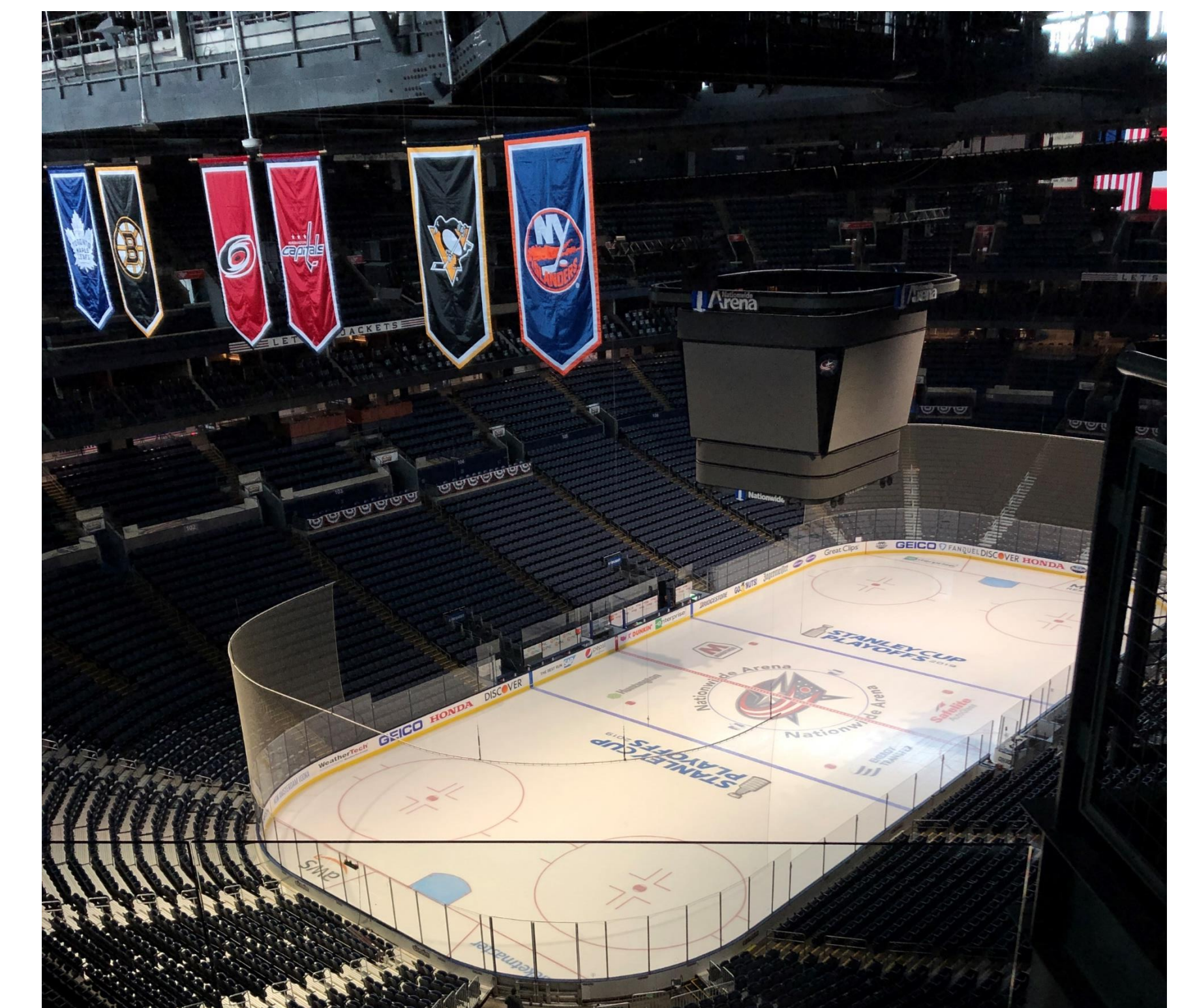
Foundation Internship with the Columbus Blue Jackets

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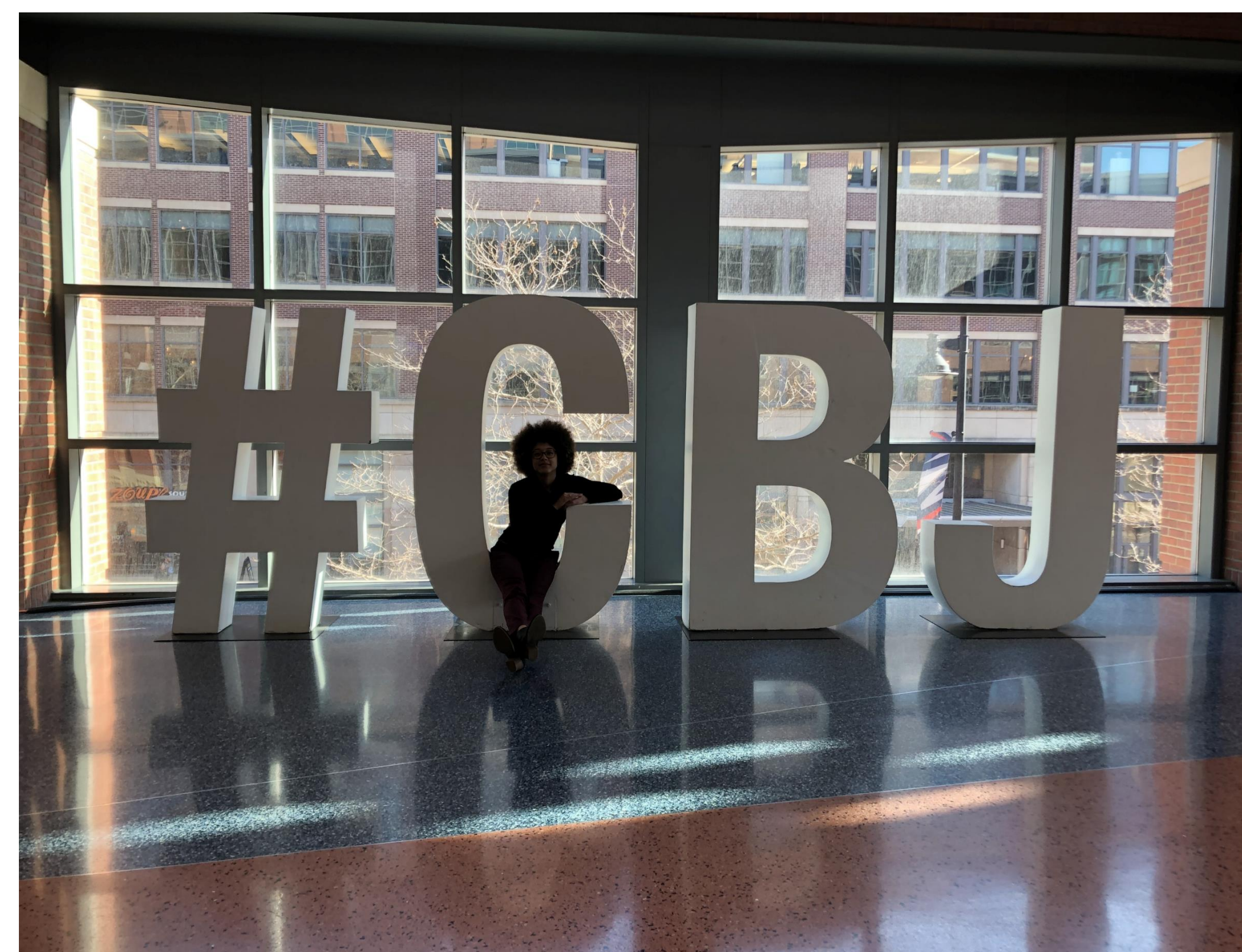
Project Description

I worked as the Foundation Intern for the Columbus Blue Jackets for their 2018-2019. In my role I was exposed to many of the facets of a professional sports foundation, from community events and programming, to fundraising, a multitude of other things. My bosses truly encouraged me to learn everything I could.



Motivation

I have always been passionate about making a positive impact on the community around me and grew up with a deep love of sports. I came to the realization that I could combine these passions and decided to pursue a career path in sports community relations. The Blue Jackets are a local team that has always been heavily involved in the wider Columbus community, and joining them allowed for the opportunity to determine if this is truly the profession for me.

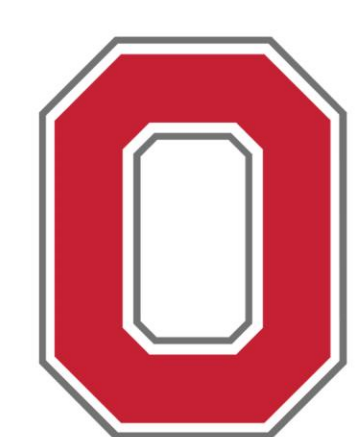


Transformation

Participating in this internship confirmed that sports is where I want to be, and a team foundation or community relations position is where I can make the most impact. Learning the many responsibilities and roles of a team foundation was fascinating and extended far beyond my previous perceptions. I also learned to never be afraid to ask questions, as my bosses created an environment where I was comfortable asking about anything and everything.

Favorite Part(s)

I loved so many parts of my time with the blue Jackets, it's impossible to choose one thing. I loved being immersed in a sport I wasn't very familiar with. Learning the ins and outs of the game, meeting players, and getting a feel for the fanbase and atmosphere deeply excited the sports lover in me. There was never a "typical" day, and I never got bored. There was always something new and fun to learn about and experience. Lastly, working in an arena simply never got old and was the cherry on top that made me absolutely love going to work everyday.



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